

# Waste Board's Web Site

## *Information When You Need It!*

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### **Introduction**

Is your business looking for information on how to conserve resources and save money? Is your local agency in need of clip art or sample news articles to promote waste management in your community? Are you a student working on a research paper on waste management laws? Or do you need to know where the nearest used oil recycling center is or where you can buy recycled-content plastic lumber?

The answers to these questions and many more can be found on the California Integrated Waste Management Board's Web site.

The Board's user-friendly home page is a customer-focused, one-stop information source about solid waste management and California's innovative programs to promote waste prevention, reuse, recycling, buying recycled products, and to protect your health and safety and the environment, and conserve our natural resources.

Local governments, businesses, schools, and California residents now have faster access to resources and timely information about committee and Board meetings, workshops, loan and grant opportunities, and regulatory reform activities to name just a few of the items available on-line.

And if you don't have Internet access at work or home, most public libraries have computers where you'll be able access our Web site.

### **Navigating Our Site**

There are several ways to find information within our comprehensive site.

#### ***Menus***

The main screen area includes several different menus to help you get to the right place. Don't worry—there is no one right way to get there!

**CIWMB Programs.** If you know the name of a specific Board program (CalMAX, for instance), you can find it here using the drop-down menu.

**Who Are You?** Here you can make the choice that best describes you, for instance "Teacher," "Business," or "Recycling Coordinator."

**Choose a Material.** If you are looking for information on paper, plastic, tires, or oil, this is the place to head first.

**Vertical Menus.** On the left and right sides of the screen, in the light gray areas, you will find links to general information such as publications, laws, a calendar of Board meetings and other events, grants and loan opportunities, news releases, information about the Board, its leaders and staff, videos and live audio broadcasts, and so much more.

#### ***Navigation Tool Bar***

At the top of the home page and each page throughout the site, you will see a red tool bar. It includes links to the Board and California home pages, contact information, and help, in addition to our site map and search feature.

The **site map** is a list of the major topic areas in our Web site, organized in general categories.

Last, but certainly not least, is the **search** page. If you are looking for a specific piece of information, sometimes this is your best option. Be sure to look over the search tips to make your search as fruitful as possible.

### **Highlights**

New information and features are being added to the Board's site all the time. Here are a few of the highlights:

- Our Publications Catalog provides direct access to more than 500 Board publications

that you can download electronically or order hard copies on-line at no cost.

- Our popular Waste Awareness Quiz and the Adventures of Vermi the Worm interactive children's game.
- A place to find your nearest used oil collection center.
- Waste management statutes, regulations, proposed regulations, and key legislation.
- The California Materials Exchange (CalMAX), which helps businesses and schools save money and find "good homes" for unused materials others can use.
- Teacher training opportunities, sample curricula, grants available, and much more.
- Recycling market development information and resources, including databases of recycled-content products.
- Business waste reduction assistance, including the Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP).
- Local government assistance.
- The RecycleStore provides a showcase for innovative products made from recycled materials—a great place to find unique gifts.
- Financial assistance programs, including a searchable grants database.
- Press releases.
- Board and committee agendas.
- Upcoming workshops and events.
- Landfill tipping fee data.

## Goal

The Board's Web site provides easy access to a wide array of information useful in reducing the amount of waste Californians produce and send to landfills, thereby conserving our natural resources and protecting our environment.

## About the Board

The California Integrated Waste Management Board is one of six boards, departments, and offices that comprise the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA). Our mission is to reduce waste, promote the management of all materials to their highest and best use, and protect public health and safety and the environment, in partnership with all Californians.

The Board is responsible for managing California's solid waste stream and promoting waste diversion from landfills. To encourage diversion, the Board develops waste reduction programs, provides public education and outreach, assists local governments and businesses, and fosters the development of markets for recyclable materials and the products made from them.

The Board also protects public health and the environment by encouraging used oil recycling, regulating waste management facilities and the handling of waste tires, and cleaning up abandoned and illegal dump sites and waste tire piles.

## Questions?

For more information, visit our Web site at [www.ciwmb.ca.gov](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov) or contact the Board's Public Affairs Office at (916) 341-6300 or e-mail us at [opa@ciwmb.ca.gov](mailto:opa@ciwmb.ca.gov).

To order publications, go to the on-line publications catalog located at [www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Publications/](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Publications/) or call the Board's publications clearinghouse at 1-800-CA-WASTE (Calif. only) or (916) 341-6306.

**The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, Flex Your Power and visit [www.consumerenergycenter.org/flex/index.html](http://www.consumerenergycenter.org/flex/index.html).**